

St Mary's Catholic Primary School **Newsletter**

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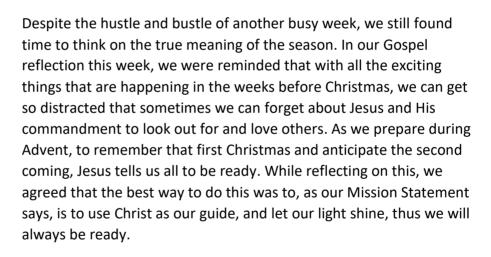






A Message from Mrs. Blincow...

Dear Parent/Carers,



Preparations continued with a beautiful Advent Reflection at Northampton Cathedral, with the children leading the service and on Friday, the whole school took part in an on-line reflection, 'The Peace Maker.'

Next week, we look forward to the Reception / KS1 Nativity, followed by, on Monday 18th December KS2 and Carols Around the Tree.









Have a lovely weekend **Mrs Blincow**

Aspiration-Resilience-Awareness-Compassion









PTFA Christmas Fair

Last Friday, we had our very successful Christmas Fair. With visiting stall holders, donated books and toys, a raffle and a very busy tombola, there was something for everyone. Father Christmas and his very important elf helper even made an appearance.

Thank you to everyone who donated or volunteered to help out, without you, the event would not have been the success it was, raising £520 which goes towards helping to subsidise trips and events for the children.





Term Dates

Term Begins Monday 30th October Staff INSET Day Children off

Friday 24th November

1st Sunday of Advent

Sunday 3rd December

EYFS / KS1 Nativity Performances

Wednesday 13th December

KS2 Carols Around The Tree

Monday 18th December

Term Ends

Wednesday 20th December 3.15PM

The Peace Maker – Advent Retreat





On Friday afternoon, the school took part in a second on-line retreat entitled 'The Peace Maker'. Through, prayer, song and activities, this was a wonderful way for the children to prepare for the coming of The Prince of Peace during this truly blessed time of expectant waiting. When much focus for many people can be on Christmas itself, this retreat was a perfect way of preparing for the birth of Jesus.

Advent Reflection



On Wednesday evening, the Northampton OLICAT schools joined together at the Cathedral for a beautiful Advent Reflection. With Readings from both the Old and New Testaments and a fitting selection of carols and hymns, the children reminded us of the promises and prophecies made long ago and how they were fulfilled.

Travelling Crib





The first of our children, in Reception, have taken home our 'Travelling Cribs'. Families will play host to the nativity characters for the night, reading the Christmas story together, then pass it on to another family to do the same. The journey is symbolic of Mary and

Jack And The Beanstalk





On Wednesday the hall was transformed into a West End stage, as the company from M&M Productions performed the popular pantomime, 'Jack and The Beanstalk.' With lots of audience participation from the children, the performance went down a storm.



